for insurance companies in the United States. We have a disproportionate number of home offices of insurance companies. Now whether that is a tribute to our low tax rates or not is something for me not to be able to fully judge and answer. I do think we have provided our insurance industry in this state a favorable climate for development, and for growth, and for health, and prosperity; may it always continue. The insurance industry in Nebraska is the fourth largest payroll. It is one of the largest payers of property taxes. It is a very substantial contributor to our health and our economy. LB 1114 was designed, essentially, to be revenue neutral. It was mostly designed to deal with a constitutionally suspect two-tier tax system that is in place today. I believe that passage of this bill will insure us a constitutional tax law, and at the same time will protect us, will guard us against unexpected and untoward refunds.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. We'll move on to our consent calendar. As you well know, 10 minutes, we'll move on from there. Mr. Clerk, would you have something to read in please before we start on 991?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Landis has amendments to 844 to be printed. I have an Attorney General's Opinion to Senator Hartnett on 1233. Senator Lundy has amendments to 310. Enrollment and Review reports 701 to Select File, and 267 to Select File. Senator Vard Johnson has amendments to 817. Senator Haberman to 1105, Senator Haberman to 1105, and Senator Vickers to 997. (See pages 1219-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, there will be a meeting of the Appropriations Committee upon adjournment in Room 1003.

Mr. President, the first bill on consent calendar is LB 991 introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14 of this year, referred to the Executive Board for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Hoagland, did you wish to...oh, Senator Cal Carsten, I'm sorry, I didn't know you were doing that, Cal. Senator Cal Carsten.